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## Lincoln County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

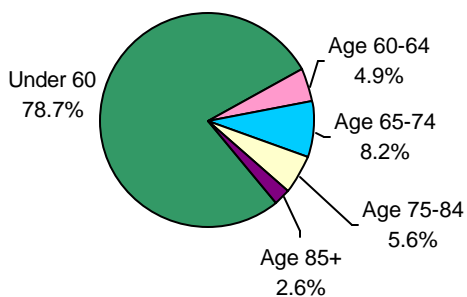
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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Lincoln County is higher than that of the state as a whole (16.4% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in this county than in the state as a whole (10.9% versus 7.9%). In all, 4,852 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 768 of these are age 85 or older. Lincoln County's average (or median) age is 38.9 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Lincoln County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	29,641		26,993		2,648	9.8%
Persons 60 and over	6,303	21.3%	5,727	21.2%	576	10.1%
Persons 65 and over	4,852	16.4%	4,375	16.2%	477	10.9%
Persons 85 and over	768	2.6%	497	1.8%	271	54.5%

**Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Lincoln County Population in Each Group**



### Race:

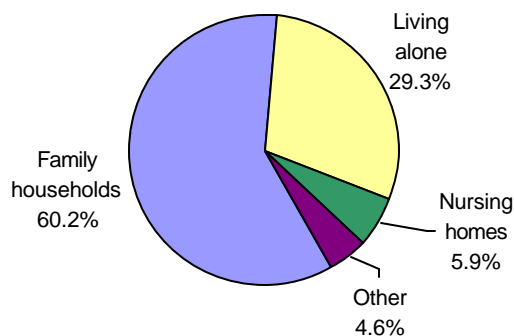
A large majority (99.7%) of Lincoln County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Lincoln County African Americans have a median age of 16.6 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 16.9 years. Whites, in contrast, average 39.3 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 11,721 households in Lincoln County, 3,259 include at least one person age 65 or older (27.8% of all households). A total of 3,091 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 77.7% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (60.2%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 29.3% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.0% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 286 people age 65 and older live in Lincoln County nursing homes (5.9% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

**Living Arrangements of Lincoln County Residents Age 65+**



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